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LIBRARY SCHOOL NOTES

APRIL 1916

FACULTY

Miss Sutliff gave a reading on "Irish Poetry" before the Young Women's Reading Club of the 125th Street Branch, April 7. On April 26 she had an informal reading from the poems of Robert Frost, Edgar Lee Masters and Edwin Arlington Robinson for the Junior Assistants. April 28 she completed a course of four lectures on "Modern Poetry" which she has been giving this year at Patchogue, Long Island.

April 7, Miss Van Valkenburgh spoke to the First Assistants on "Poetry Magazines."

JUNIOR LECTURES

William R. Eastman. Library buildings, furniture and fittings, and Library legislation (seven lectures).

April 13. Maud Van Buren. Civics, woman, and common sense.
April 20. Harriet Wood. Work with schools.

Senior students were invited to attend the lectures of Miss Wood and Miss Van Buren.

Students pursuing the advanced course in documents with Miss Hasse had their first lecture April 24. The work will be conducted as a seminar and will be devoted this year to U. S. Foreign Relations. The students taking this course are Misses Bien, Cook, Fleming, Miller, Patton, Seward and Spencer.

SENIOR LECTURES

Administration course:

- April 6, 13. Mrs. Alma Custead. The small library.
- April 19. Miss Marian Glenn. The special library.
- April 20. Miss Sarah B. Askew. Commission work.
- April 27. Mrs. Belle Johnson. Commission work, instructional.

Children's librarians' course:

- April 6, 13. Mrs. Alma Custead. The small library.
- April 20. Miss Sarah B. Askew. Commission work.
- April 27. Mrs. Belle Johnson. Commission work, instructional.

School and college library course:

- April 4. Languages in libraries; conducted by Misses Clizbee, Davis, Jameson, Melvain and Weidinger.
- April 10. Miss Mary E. Hall. Report on problems.
- April 11. Miss Catharine S. Tracey. Foreign publishers and editions.
- April 18. Miss Catharine S. Tracey. Special collections.

Advanced reference and cataloguing course:

- April 4. Languages in libraries; conducted by Misses Clizbee, Davis, Jameson, Melvain and Weidinger.
- April 5. Miss Emma F. Cragin. Cataloguing for children's rooms.
- April 11. Miss Catharine S. Tracey. Foreign publishers and editions.
- April 18. Miss Catharine S. Tracey. Special collections.

JUNIOR VISITS

- April 5. Columbia University Library, including Avery Architectural and Teachers' College Libraries, and the Library of the School of Journalism.
- April 12. City College and Hunter (Normal) College Libraries.
- April 19. Brooklyn Institute and Children's Museum Libraries.
- April 26. Russell Sage Foundation Library.

VISITORS

April 14, the Pratt Institute Library School visited The New York Public Library and was entertained at tea by the School; Miss Rathbone accompanied them.

Students of the Syracuse Library School visited the class-room on Friday, April 28, during their spring trip.

ALUMNI

M. Ethel Clarke (1916) has taken Miss Prall's position as teachers' assistant for the remainder of the year.

H. C. Collar (junior, 1913) hopes to attend the meeting of the American Library Association at Asbury Park.

Ellen M. Foster (junior, 1912) was married to Harold I. Bell, April 27, at her home, Ottumwa, Iowa. They will be at home after June 1, at 94 Neal Street, Portland, Maine.

Ralph Gossage (junior, 1915) writes that he is about to be transferred to another concentration camp, at Ede, in Holland. The Christmas packages sent in December were delayed in the New York Post Office and have just been found.

Dorothy Kent (1913) is recovering from her severe illness. She hopes to resume her work at Newark in the fall.

Frances Lippitt of the junior class has been obliged to leave because of ill health. She hopes to return next year for the senior work.

Mary R. Miles (junior, 1916) who went to Florida in the fall to regain her health, writes from Hendersonville, N. C., that she has nearly recovered.

Elizabeth N. Prall (1916), who has been assistant to the instructors in the School this year, has resigned to take a position in the Doubleday, Page book shop which has just been opened in Lord and Taylor's store. The employment of trained librarians in a book store is a new departure and is regarded with much interest.

Mary B. Snyder (1913) has accepted a position in the Library of the University of Pittsburgh.

Foster Stearns (junior, 1913) has served during the winter as a member of the Examining Committee on the Boston Public Library.

Allan V. Törnudd (1915) has presented to the School's "Collection of students' printed work" his essay called "Types of Pragmatist Theory of Truth," reprinted from the *Journal of Philosophy, Psychology, and Scientific Method* for September, 1915.

R. W. G. Vail (1916) has accepted a position in the American History Division of The New York Public Library.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. H. L. Koopman, Librarian of Brown University, has accepted an invitation to be the Commencement speaker on Friday, June 9.

The Alumni meeting on April 12 was a reunion of the class of 1915 and the junior class of 1914. The Art Division furnished Shakespeare material which was mounted during the evening. About thirteen were present.

The seniors of the reference course have completed a comparison of almanacs and yearbooks, which may be consulted by anyone. This is the subject for which the School agreed to be responsible in the new A. L. A. "Sponsors for Knowledge" scheme.

The *Bulletin of Bibliography* has accepted for early publication two bibliographies offered for graduation in 1915: "Twentieth Century Poetry," by Katharine Maynard, and "Literary Geography" by E. J. Roswell Hawley. *New York Libraries* has accepted an abridgment of Marjorie Wilson Cook's "Magazines on Special Subjects for a Town Library."

Ravenswood Inn at Asbury Park, N. J., has been selected as school headquarters for the Conference of the American Library Association, June 26 – July 1. The rates are as follows: \$2.50 a day for single rooms; \$2 for two in a room; \$12 to \$15 per week, single; \$10 to \$12.50 for two in a room. It is hoped that as many of our students and alumni as possible will arrange to stay at the Inn, so the reunion may be prolonged. Please state, in writing for accommodations, that you belong to the School. Misses Sutliff and Henderson expect to make the Inn their headquarters.

THE NEW ENGLAND TRIP FROM THE STUDENTS' POINT OF VIEW

Our schedule read like the line of march for the Fourth of July parade and it took little imagination to see twenty-three dreary looking creatures arranged in alphabetical order following the teachers for a week. But promptness, sunshine and new spring hats for the entire party started us off surprisingly well. By the time we reached Albany we decided that it was going to be fun and when we reached New York again we decided that we had never had a better time in all our lives.

We visited more than twenty libraries, were delighted with the happy spirit that pervaded each one, learned all we could about them and survived a quiz when we got home. So now we are free to think about the other side of the trip for a while.

We liked the Albany library, the reception, and the librarians who sent all the good left-over sandwiches down to the station the next morning for us to eat on the train. At Springfield we admired the statue of Samuel Chapin, grandfather eight times removed of one of our very own juniors. We much enjoyed and appreciated the trip through historic Boston under the guidance of Mr. John A. Lowe of the Massachusetts Library Commission, and through Salem with Mr. Moulton, librarian of the Haverhill Public Library. Mr. Moulton's intimate acquaintance with Salem made him the best possible guide. He showed us many famous sites and finally took us to the House of Seven Gables; the memory of that visit will remain long with us,—the blue sky, the harbor full of boats, and the house itself, where most of us had our first experience in climbing a real secret staircase. We left Salem for Marblehead where Mrs. Mosher opened her beautiful summer home and served a delicious supper. After supper we talked and sang and watched the sunset, leaving for Boston at a late hour and regretting that the day had gone so soon.

On the train as we returned to New York, we ate a box of candy which Miss Sutliff had presented to us and decided that we liked our own school better than any we had seen and that we would not have missed the trip for worlds.

—A Junior.

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